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Introduction

Welcome to Modem Blaster! World. Your new modem allows you to fax documents, transfer data and access online information easily from your computer. Some of the features of your Modem Blaster are:

Plug and Play



This feature allows you to install your Modem Blaster easily, as the device is automatically configured.

Send and Receive faxes



You can use your Modem Blaster to send and receive fax documents. You can also configure the modem to serve as a fax-on-demand system by using the software provided.

Internet Access



Modem Blaster allows you to access computer bulletin boards and to browse the Internet at speeds of up to 56 Kbps.

Answering Machine



Modem Blaster functions as an answering machine with multiple mail boxes. Remote users can leave messages in your mail box, and you can play back these messages at any time. Modem Blaster even pages you to notify you of new messages!

Caller ID



Modem Blaster displays phone numbers of calling parties if your phone is Caller-ID enabled.

Video Conferencing



Your Modem Blaster comes complete with V.92 standard support, for use with H.32x video conferencing systems.

Quick Connect



This feature drastically reduces the amount of time it takes for your Modem Blaster to establish a connection with your Internet Service Provider. Line conditions of the last number called are saved in your computer and retrieved to reduce connection time.

Modem On Hold



This feature allows you to answer an incoming call by placing your Modem Blaster on hold. Check with your local Internet Service Provider on whether this feature is supported in your area.

PCM-Upstream



This feature enhances your Modem Blaster's data upload speed from 33.6 Kbps to a maximum of 48 Kbps.

V.44 Data Compression



Your Modem Blaster incorporates the new V.92 standard. This new standard offers V.44 Data Compression technology that allows you to browse the Internet at higher speeds than existing data compression standards.

Before You Begin

This section provides information you should know about before using this manual.

- Recording Model and Serial Numbers
- Checking System Requirements
- Document Conventions

Recording Model and Serial Numbers

Your modem has a model number and a serial number. After removing the modem from its packaging, write down its model and serial numbers for future reference. You will need to quote these numbers when contacting our Technical Support office.

Checking System Requirements



- Some supplied software will run only in Windows 95/98. Refer to the readme file in the Installation CD for more information.
- Modem Blaster must be connected to an analog telephone line, also called a POTS (Plain Old Telephone Service) line.




The following are the minimum system requirements:

- Available serial port
- 133 MHz Pentium® or faster IBM® compatible PC
- 25 MB of free hard disk space
- 16 MB RAM on motherboard (32 MB recommended)
- Microsoft Windows® NT 4.0, Windows 95/98, Windows 2000 and Windows Me
- CD-ROM drive for modem and communication software installation
- An audio card for video conferencing

Document Conventions

This manual uses the following conventions to help you locate and identify the information that you need.

Table i: Document conventions

Text Element	Use
 A blue notepad with a red pencil and a red lightning bolt above it, indicating high importance.	This notepad icon indicates information that is of particular importance and should be considered before continuing.
 A silver alarm clock with a red exclamation mark in the center, indicating a warning or critical instruction.	This alarm clock icon indicates that failure to adhere to directions may result in loss of data or damage to your system.
 A red triangular warning sign with a black exclamation mark in the center, indicating a serious warning or hazard.	The warning sign indicates that failure to adhere to directions may result in bodily harm or life-threatening situations.

Installing the Modem



Place the modem in front of you as you go through this chapter. This will help you identify the various components of your modem.

This chapter guides you through the process of setting up your modem. It is organized as follows:

- On Your Modem
- Setting up the Modem
- Connecting Telephone Line and Phone Set

On Your Modem

This section describes the jacks and connectors of the modem.

Telephone Line jack

The Telephone Line jack allows you to connect a telephone line for data and facsimile transmission.

Phone jack

The Phone jack allows you to connect a phone set to the modem. This jack differs across countries.

Power jack

The Power jack allows you to connect an external power adapter to your modem.

RS232 Connector

The RS232 connector allows you to connect the modem to a computer serial port.

Setting up the Modem

1. Switch off your system and unplug the power cord from the wall outlet.
2. Connect the Power adapter and the RS232 cable to the modem as shown in Figure 1-1.

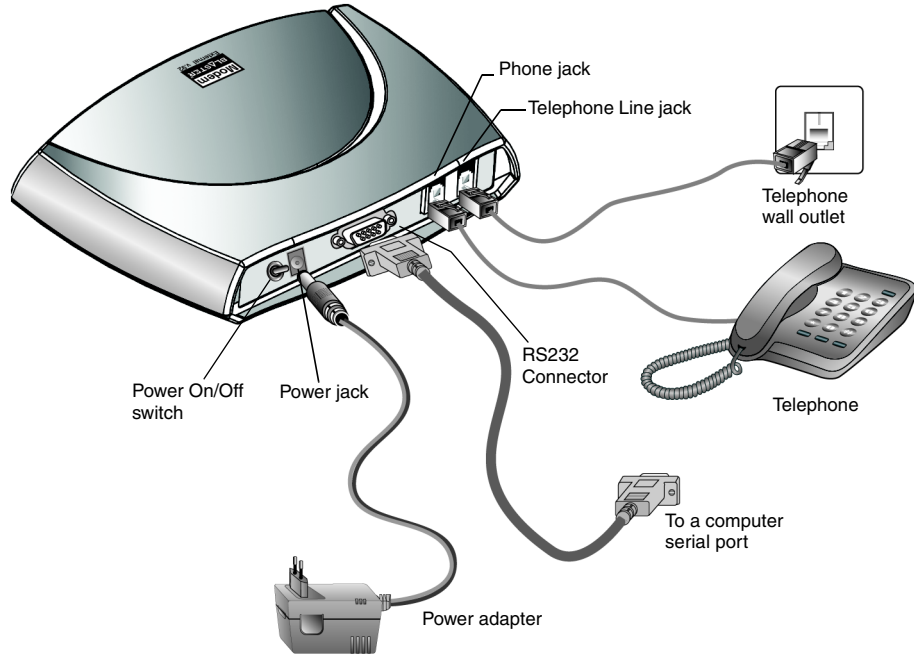


Figure 1-1 Setting up the Modem

3. Connect the Power adapter to a power outlet and the RS232 cable to the computer's serial port.
4. Switch on your modem.

Connecting Telephone Line and Phone Set

1. Locate the most convenient telephone wall outlet.
If a phone is already connected to it, unplug the telephone cable from the wall outlet.
2. Connect the telephone cable from the phone set to the **Phone** jack of the modem, as shown in Figure 1-1.
3. Connect one end of a telephone cable to the wall outlet and the other end to the **Telephone Line** jack of the Modem Blaster, as shown in Figure 1-1.

About Your Telephone Line

To ensure that the modem functions properly, note that:

- Your modem cannot be used on “party lines”, nor can it be used on toll or coin-operated lines.
Contact your local telephone company for help if you are not sure about the suitability of your telephone line.
- This modem is intended for use on an analog telephone line, also known as a POTS (Plain Old Telephone Service) line. You cannot connect the modem directly to a digital telephone line, such as those commonly used in offices.
If you want to connect to a digital line, you need an analog converter compatible with the telephone line you are using.

Installing Software

This chapter provides instructions to install the modem drivers in Windows. It also shows you how to test your installation and uninstall the modem.

To access Modem On Hold functions, you must install NetWaiting. Modem On Hold functions are only available on Windows 98, ME or 2000.

This chapter is organized as follows:

- ❑ Installing Drivers in Windows 95
- ❑ Installing Drivers in Windows 98/ME
- ❑ Installing Drivers in Windows NT 4.0
- ❑ Installing Drivers in Windows 2000
- ❑ Testing the installation in Windows 95
- ❑ Testing the installation in Windows 98/ME
- ❑ Testing the installation in Windows 2000
- ❑ Uninstalling Drivers in Windows 95
- ❑ Uninstalling Drivers in Windows 98/ME
- ❑ Uninstalling Drivers in Windows NT 4.0
- ❑ Uninstalling Drivers in Windows 2000
- ❑ Installing NetWaiting

Installing Drivers in Windows 95

After connecting your modem, if you see the **Add New Hardware Wizard** dialog box, click the **Cancel** button. Proceed with the driver installation for your OS.

1. Switch on your computer system and then insert the *Installation CD* into the CD-ROM drive.
2. Click **Start** -> **Settings** -> **Control Panel**.
3. In the **Control Panel** window, double-click the **Modems** icon.
4. When a dialog box similar to Figure 2-1 appears, make sure **Don't detect my modem, I will select it from a list** is unselected, and then click the **Next** button.

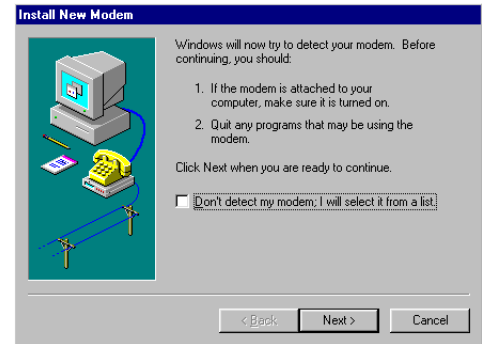


Figure 2-1

- When a dialog box similar to Figure 2-2 appears, click the **Next** button.

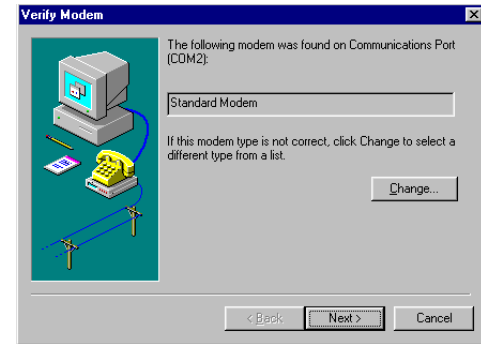


Figure 2-2

- When a dialog box similar to Figure 2-3 appears, select your location and click the **Next** button.

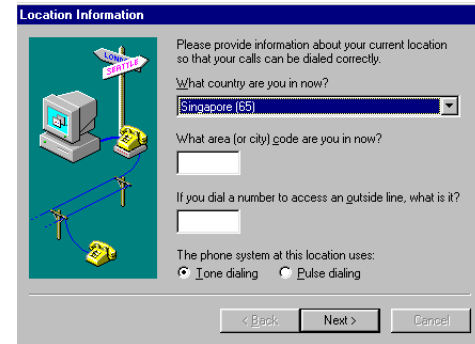


Figure 2-3

7. When a dialog box similar to Figure 2-4 appears, click the **Finish** button to complete the installation.
8. Restart your computer system.

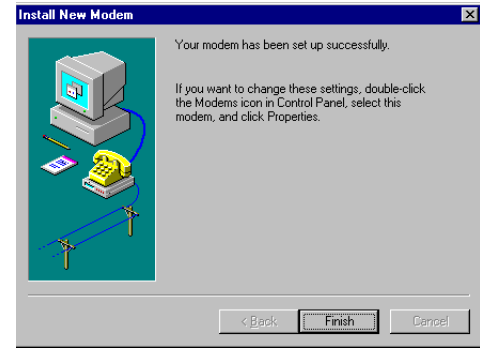


Figure 2-4

Installing Drivers in Windows 98/ME

1. Switch on your computer system and then insert the *Installation CD* into the CD-ROM drive.
2. Click **Start** -> **Run**
3. When a dialog box similar to Figure 2-5 appears, click the **Browse** button and locate the **acfsetup.exe** in **E:\Drivers\Win98** (where E: is your CD-ROM drive).
For Windows ME, locate the **acfsetup.exe** in **E:\Drivers\WinMe**.
4. Click the **OK** button.
5. Click **Start** -> **Run**

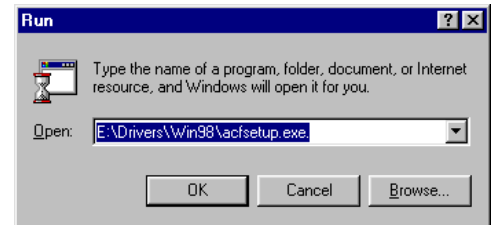


Figure 2-5

- When a dialog box similar to Figure 2-6 appears, click the **Browse** button and locate the file **mohconfig.exe** in **E:\MOH\Win98\Config** (where E: is your CD-ROM drive).

For Windows ME, locate the file **mohconfig.exe** in **E:\MOH\WinME\Config**.

- Click the **OK** button.
- When a dialog box similar to Figure 2-7 appears, click the **Enable MOH** button.
- Click the **OK** button to complete the installation.
- Restart your computer system.

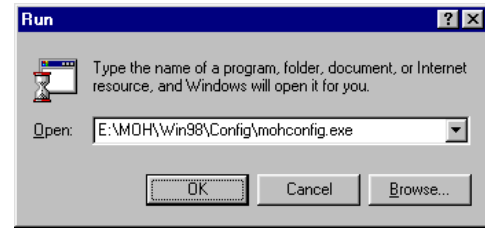


Figure 2-6

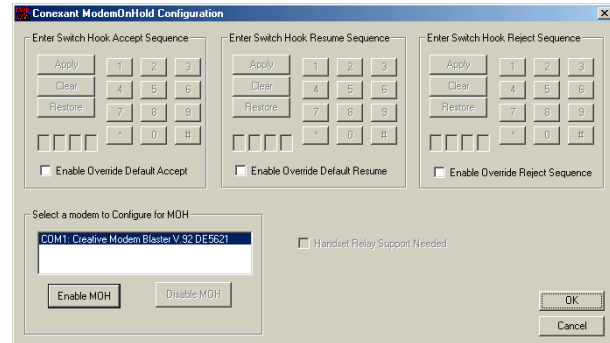


Figure 2-7

Installing Drivers in Windows NT 4.0

- Switch on your computer system and then insert the *Installation CD* into the CD-ROM drive.
- Click **Start** -> **Settings** -> **Control Panel**.
- In the **Control Panel** window, double-click the **Modems** icon.

4. When a dialog box similar to Figure 2-8 appears, make sure **Don't detect my modem, I will select it from a list** is unselected, and then click the **Next** button.

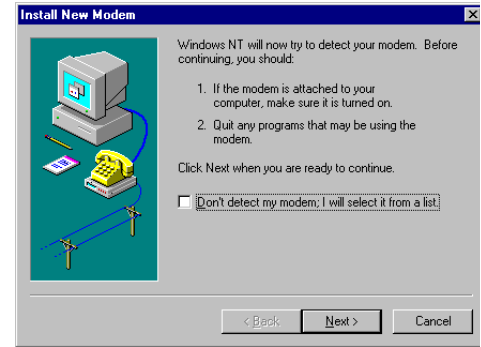


Figure 2-8

5. When a dialog box similar to Figure 2-9 appears, click the **Next** button.

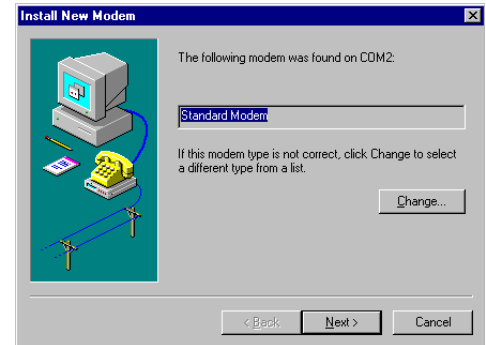


Figure 2-9

- When a dialog box similar to Figure 2-10 appears, click the **Finish** button to complete the installation.
- Restart your computer system.

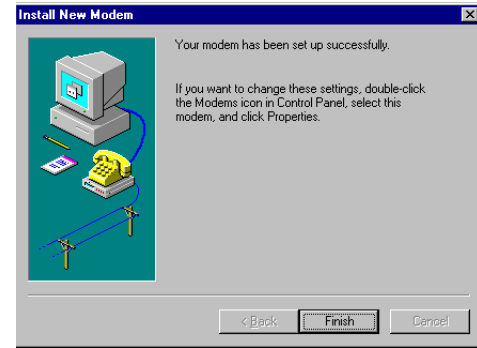


Figure 2-10

Installing Drivers in Windows 2000

- Switch on your computer system and then insert the *Installation CD* into the CD-ROM drive.
- Click **Start** -> **Run**
- When a dialog box similar to Figure 2-11 appears, click the **Browse** button and locate the file **Setup.exe** in **E:\Drivers\Win2k** (where E: is your CD-ROM drive).
- Click the **OK** button.

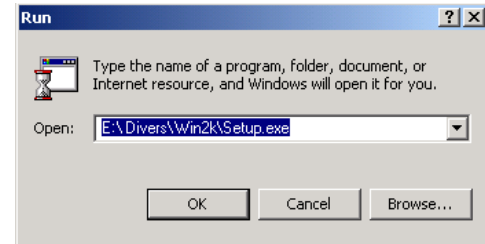


Figure 2-11

5. When a dialog box similar to Figure 2-12 appears, click the **Yes** button.

6. Click **Start -> Run**



Figure 2-12

7. When a dialog box similar to Figure 2-13 appears, click the **Browse** button and locate the file **Setup.exe** in **E:\MOH\Win2k\Sdk** (where E: is your CD-ROM drive).

8. Click the OK button.

9. Click **Start -> Run**

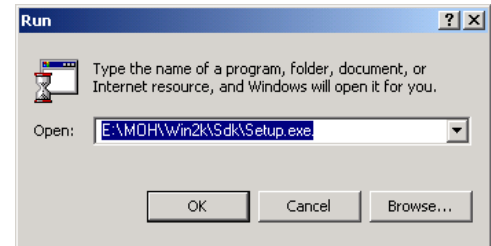


Figure 2-13

10. When a dialog box similar to Figure 2-14 appears, click the **Browse** button and locate the file **mohconfig.exe** in **E:\MOH\Win2k\Config** (where E: is your CD-ROM drive).

11. Click the **OK** button.

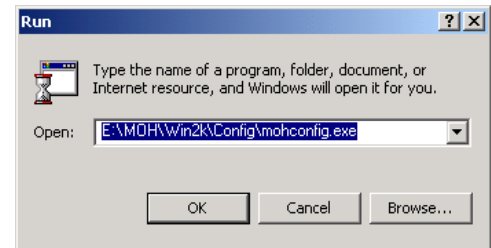


Figure 2-14

12. When a dialog box similar to Figure 2-15 appears, click the **Enable MOH** button.
13. Click the **OK** button to complete the installation.
14. Restart your computer system.

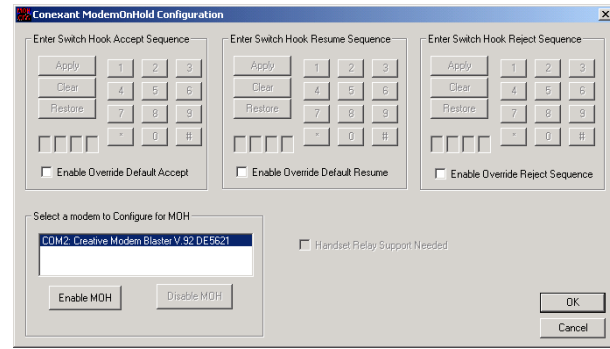


Figure 2-15

Testing the installation in Windows 95

1. Click **Start** -> **Settings** -> **Control Panel**.
2. In the **Control Panel** window, double-click the **Modems** icon.
3. In the **Modem Properties** dialog box, click the **Diagnostics** tab.
4. On the **Diagnostics** tabbed page, select the COM port that has been assigned to your modem.

5. Click the **More Info** button to display the response status of your modem.

You should see a dialog box similar to Figure 2-16. If your modem is not responding, it may be due to a conflict between the modem and another peripheral device. To resolve the conflict, you must change the settings of your modem. See “Resolving Hardware Conflicts” on page B-4.

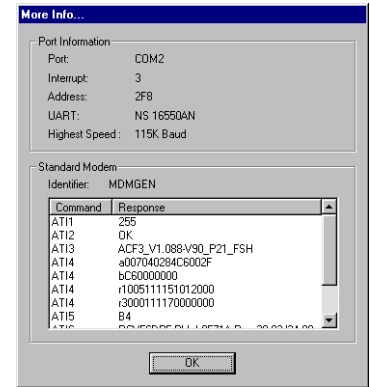


Figure 2-16

Testing the installation in Windows 98/ME

1. Click **Start -> Settings -> Control Panel**.
2. In the **Control Panel** window, double-click the **Modems** icon.
3. In the **Modem Properties** dialog box, click the **Diagnostics** tab.
4. On the **Diagnostics** tabbed page, select the COM port that has been assigned to your modem.

5. Click the **More Info** button to display the response status of your modem.

You should see a dialog box similar to Figure 2-17. If your modem is not responding, it may be due to a conflict between the modem and another peripheral device. To resolve the conflict, you must change the settings of your modem. See “Resolving Hardware Conflicts” on page B-4.

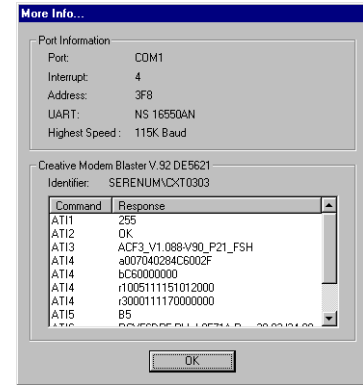


Figure 2-17

Testing the installation in Windows 2000

1. Click **Start -> Settings -> Control Panel**.
2. In the **Control Panel** window, double-click the **Phone and Modems** icon.
3. In the **Creative Modem Blaster v.92 DE5621 Properties** dialog box, click the **Diagnostics** tab.

4. Click the **Query Modem** button to display the response status of your modem.
You should see a dialog box similar to Figure 2-17.
If your modem is not responding, it may be due to a conflict between the modem and another peripheral device. To resolve the conflict, you must change the settings of your modem.
See “Resolving Hardware Conflicts” on page B-4.

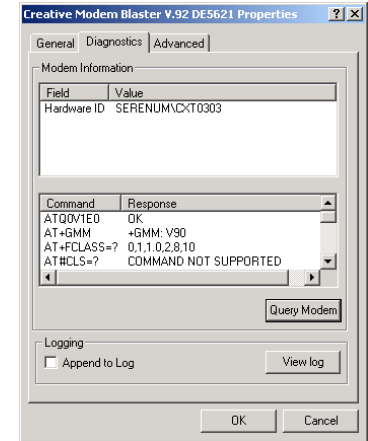


Figure 2-18

Uninstalling Drivers in Windows 95

1. Click **Start -> Settings -> Control Panel**.
2. In the **Control Panel** window, double-click the **Modems** icon.
3. In the **Modem Properties** dialog box, select **Standard Modem** and then click the **Remove** button.
4. Click the **OK** button.
5. Shut down your computer and then remove the modem.

Uninstalling Drivers in Windows 98/ME

1. Click **Start -> Settings -> Control Panel**.
2. In the **Control Panel** window, double-click the **Add/Remove Programs** icon.
3. In the **Add/Remove Programs Properties** dialog box, select **Creative Modem Blaster V.92 DE5621** and then click the **Add/Remove** button.

Uninstalling Drivers in Windows NT 4.0

4. Click the **OK** button to close the dialog box.
5. Shut down your computer and then remove the modem.

1. Click **Start -> Settings -> Control Panel**.
2. In the **Control Panel** window, double-click the **Modems** icon.
3. In the **Modem Properties** dialog box, select **Standard Modem** and then click the **Remove** button.
4. Click the **Yes** button.
5. Shut down your computer and then remove the modem.

Uninstalling Drivers in Windows 2000

1. Click **Start -> Settings -> Control Panel**.
2. In the **Control Panel** window, double-click the **Add/Remove Programs** icon.
3. In the **Add/Remove Programs Properties** dialog box, select **Creative Modem Blaster V.92 DE5621** and then click the **Change/Remove** button.
4. Shut down your computer and then remove the modem.

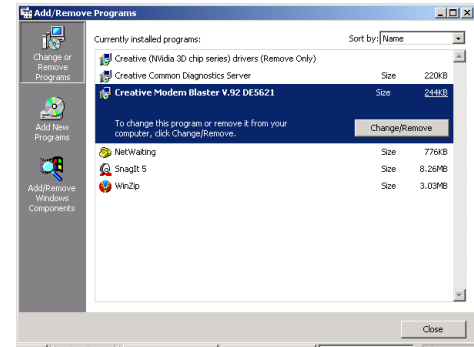


Figure 2-19

Installing NetWaiting

In order to use the Modem On Hold functions, you must install NetWaiting. Modem On Hold is only supported in Windows 98, ME and 2000.

1. Click **Start -> Run**

2. When a dialog box similar to Figure 2-20 appears, click the **Browse** button.

For Windows 98, locate the file **Setup.exe** in **E:\MOH\Win98\Netwaiting** (where E: is your CD-ROM drive).

For Windows 2000, locate the file **Setup.exe** in **E:\MOH\Win2k\Netwaiting**.

For Windows ME, locate the file **Setup.exe** in **E:\MOH\WinME\Netwaiting**.

3. Click the **OK** button.
4. When a dialog box similar to Figure 2-21 appears, follow the instructions on screen to complete the installation.

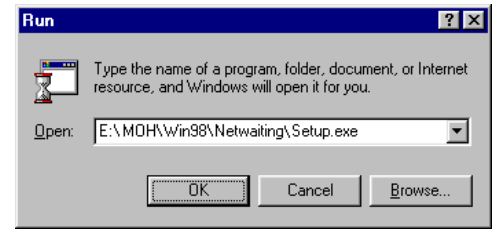


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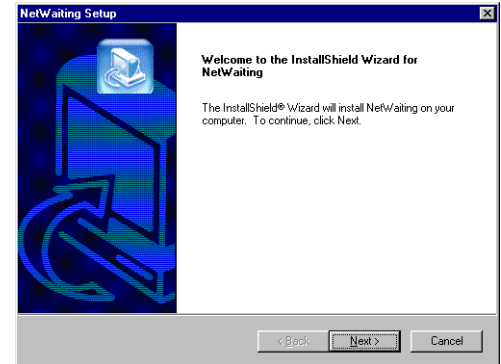


Figure 2-21

General Specifications

General Features

- Auto Fallback
- AT Commands
- Caller ID
- Data/Fax/Voice
- V.80 for H.324 and H.323
- Plug & Play
- High throughput Virtual UART, DTE rate up to 115,200 bps
- Signal Quality Monitoring and Auto Retrain

Data Features



Due to line conditions and FCC regulations, your data rate may be lower. Current FCC regulations limit download rate to maximum 53 Kbps.

- V.90 (ITU-T 56K communication standard), V.92
- 56,000/54,667/53,333/52,000/50,667/49,333/48,000/46,667/45,333/44,000/42,667/41,333/40,000/38,667/37,333/36,000/ 34,667/33,333/32,000/30,667/29,333/28,000 bps data speeds in V.90 mode
- 33,600/31,200/28,800/26,400/24,000/21,600/19,200/16,800/ 14,400/ 12,000/9,600/7,200/4,800/2,400/1,200 bps data speeds

- Compatible with the following data modem standards:
 - V.34, V.32bis and V.22bis
 - V.42 LAPM error correction
 - V.42bis data compression
 - V.44
- Compression, line control, and error control are implemented in the hardware. Therefore, no special drivers or libraries are needed to take advantage of the higher transmission speeds and data reliability.
- Automatic dial and answer capabilities

Fax Features

- Fax speeds of up to 14400 bps for send and receive
- Compatible with the following fax modem transmission standards:
 - V.17
 - V.21
 - V.27
 - V.29

Voice Features

- Able to record and play voice messages over the telephone line
- Communications software gives you multiple mail boxes

Video Conferencing Support

- Supports V.80 standard to allow high performance video conferencing over standard phone lines and the internet
- Video Conferencing standards: H.324 and H.323

Troubleshooting

This appendix provides some tips and strategies for resolving some of the problems you might encounter while installing or using your modem.

Problems Encountered

The modem fails to accept commands to dial or to answer a call.

Cause There may be an improper telephone line connection.

Solution Make sure the telephone cable is attached to the **Telephone Line** jack, and that the phone set is connected to the **Phone** jack on your modem. Check that all devices are switched on.

The modem cannot connect to the Internet at 56,000 bps.

Cause This may be due to line conditions in your area. Due to FCC regulations and/or line conditions, it is not always possible to achieve the maximum data transmission rate.

Solution Try moving the telephone line away from any power source, monitor, printer, other computer cables and remove other telephone equipment from the line.

There is interference on the telephone line that is connected to the modem.

Cause It might be due to interference from a power source, monitor, printer, or other computer cables.

Solution Try moving the telephone line away from any power source, monitor, printer, and other computer cables.

The modem or communications software fails to detect that the remote user has hung up.

Cause The modem and communications software relies on the dial tone, busy tone, or a period of silence to detect that a remote user has hung up. This detection may fail due to one of the following reasons:

- Your local telephone system does not generate the dial or busy tone when the remote user hangs up.
- The period of silence the modem or communications software uses to detect that the remote user has hung up, is not long enough.
- The modem or communications software cannot detect an unusual dial or busy tone. For example, if you are connecting to a PABX system, the dial or busy tone generated is different from the usual dial or busy tone.

Solution You can prompt the user to respond. This may however result in a long delay before the communications software responds to the remote user hanging up. To minimize this delay, try to modify the following settings:

- Voice message recording time
- The number of prompts
- The time to wait for a response after prompting

You experience poor sound quality when using communications software.

Cause The Unimodem V file required by some 32-bit sound and communications software may be missing. This file is normally installed by Windows 95

Solution Try to install the Unimodem V file as follows:

1. Go to the website **www.modemblaster.com** and then browse to the **Download Software Drivers** section.
2. Download the file UNIMODEM V and copy the file UNIMODV.EXE to the **Systems** folder in your **Windows** directory.
3. Run the file UNIMODV.EXE and then browse to the UNIMODV.EXE.INF file.
4. Right-click on this file and then select **Install** from the pop up menu.
5. Restart your computer to activate UNIMODEM V.

Problems Encountered in Windows NT4.0

Windows NT fails to detect a new modem in the computer.

Cause This may be due to incorrect IRQ settings.

Solution Select an available COM port and IRQ.
Refer to Appendix B, “Resolving Hardware Conflicts” for more details.

Resolving Hardware Conflicts

In Windows 95/98



If you are unsure of the settings of any conflicting peripheral devices, you can isolate the source of the problem by temporarily removing all devices (except your modem and essential devices such as the disk controller). After that, add the devices back one at a time until the device that is causing the conflict is found.

Hardware conflicts may occur when two or more peripheral devices are set to use the same I/O address, IRQ line or DMA channel. This section provides ways to resolve hardware conflicts in Windows 95/98.

To resolve conflicts in Windows 95/98, change the resource settings of your modem or the conflicting peripheral device in your system using Device Manager.

To run Device Manager:

1. Right-click the **My Computer** icon on your Windows 95/98 desktop, and then select **Properties**.
2. In the **System Properties** dialog box, click the **Device Manager** tab.
A list of system devices is displayed.
3. Double-click the **Modem** icon.
4. Select your modem, and then click the **Properties** button.
5. In the **Properties** dialog box, click the **Resources** tab.
6. Select the **Use Automatic Settings** check box.
If this check box is already selected, you need to go to the **Properties** dialog box of the conflicting peripheral device and select the same check box there.
7. Reboot your system to allow Windows 95/98 to reassign resources to your modem and/or the conflicting peripheral device.

General Q&A

Where can I locate the AT Command set for my Modem Blaster?

The AT Command set can be found on your *Software and Modem Installation CD* under the file name of ATCOMM.TXT.

Which "off the shelf" communication software package can I use with the Modem Blaster?

Modem Blaster works well with many of the popular software titles on the shelves today including “Super Voice”. Make sure that the communication software is compatible with the Conexant(formerly known as Rockwell) chipset.

Where can I find the latest drivers for Modem Blaster?

All Modem Blaster drivers can be found on the **www.modemblaster.com** web site.

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www.americas.creative.com/support

BEFORE YOU CONTACT US

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- Model #: _____ Serial # _____ (both found on the back of the device)
- Error message on the screen and how it came about: _____

- Information on the adapter card that conflicts with the product (if applicable): _____

- Hardware configuration information: _____
- IRQ line: (if applicable): _____
- DMA channel used (if applicable): _____
- Computer type and speed: _____
- Type and version of your operating system; Windows 95/98/Me/NT/2000: _____

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